Creation of Jobs in the Eighth Five Year Plan

1704. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Eighth Five Year Plan envisages the creation of new jobs; and

(b) if so, what is number of these that would be in the small sector and what is the number that would be in other sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Eighth Plan envisages generating adequate employment to achieve near full employment level by the turn of the century on the basis of an employment oriented growth strategy. This has been sought to be achieved on the basis of encouragement to the growth of sectors, subsectors and areas with high employment potential and various special employment programmes.

(b) The exact number of new jobs likely to be created in each sector and sub-sector during the Eighth Plan period have not been worked out.

Pending projects of Tamil Nadu

1705. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the projects of Tamil Nadu pending at present with the Planning Commission for approval; and

(b) the time by which the said projects are likely to be accorded approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As per available information, only one project of Tamil Nadu, namely, Anaimadudu Reservoir Project, is pending with the Planning Commission for approval.

(b) The said project is pending for want of clarification regarding submergence of forest land from the Ministry of Enviroment & Forests. Even after receiving the requisite clarifications from the Ministry of Environment & Forests, decision for giving investment clearance to the project will depend on the overall resource availability of the State and sectoral priorities attached to various sectors by the State Government in the Eighth Five Year Plan, which is yet to be formulated and finalised.

Restructuring of 20-Point Programme

1706. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to restructure the 20 Point Programme and other rural development schemes;

(b) whether a new five point programme is being introduced during the Eighth Plan period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the total amount spent on various poverty alleviation programmes during the Seventh Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) During the Eighth Five Year Plan Period, one of the thrust areas would be poverty alleviation through overall economic growth and direct programmes of employment generation in rural and urban areas. Detailed features of the schemes are